



COMBINED SECURITY TRANSITION COMMAND-AFGHANISTAN

Major General Robert W. Cone Commanding General



Major General Robert W. Cone assumed command of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan on July 16, 2007. His previous assignment was as the Commanding General, U.S. Army National Training Center and Fort Irwin, CA.

Major General Cone hails from Manchester, NH and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Armor Branch from the U.S. Military Academy in 1979. Throughout his career, he has served in operational assignments in the United States, Germany, and Southwest Asia.

His previous staff assignments include: Executive Officer, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fulda, Germany; Operations Officer, 4th Infantry Division,

Fort Hood, TX; Director, Joint Advanced Warfighting Program, Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, VA; and, Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His command assignments include 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, III Corps, Fort Bliss, TX, later Fort Carson, CO, and 2^d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, TX.

Major General Cone holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, RI.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Army Achievement Medal.